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In re application of

Kunimoto SUGIYAMA et al.

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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A FILTER ELEMENT

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Group 1724

Examiner F. Lawrence, Jr.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.